

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are currently pending. By this Response, Applicants have amended claims 1, 8, 10 and 11, and have canceled claim 7. Applicants respectfully submit no new matter has been added by these amendments. Accordingly, claims 1-6, 8-30 are at issue.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 10-30 have been allowed. Notwithstanding such allowance, Applicants have amended claims 10 and 11 to correct minor typographical or spelling errors. These amendments are not meant to limit the already allowed scope of the claims.

The Examiner has further indicated that claims 7-9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Huth. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claim 1 has been amended herein to include the limitations of claim 7. As acknowledged by the Examiner, Huth does not disclose these limitations. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit claim 1 is patentable over Huth.

Claims 2-6 depend on claim 1, either directly or indirectly, and include each of its limitations. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit claims 2-6 are also patentable over Huth.

CONCLUSION


In light of the foregoing Remarks and Amendments, Applicants respectfully submit pending claims 1-6, and 8-9 are in condition for allowance, along with already allowed claims 10-30. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-6, and 8-9. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number below if there are any questions concerning this Response.

The Commissioner is authorized to debit or credit Deposit Account No. 23-0280 for any payment **deficiencies or overpayments** associated with this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

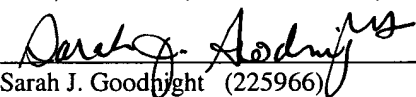
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